A Frailty Index based on clinical data to quantify mortality risk in dogs

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Questionnaire used to calcula	ate the frailty index

				Date	
	Phone Sex: F FN M MN Body condition score:		Name of the animal: Date of birth:		
Weight:	Body condition	n score:			
♦ Diet	Com	mercial	Home made	Mixed	
				Notes	
◆ Up to date with vaccinations	Yes	No			
♦ Regular Dirofilariasis Prophylaxis	Yes	No			
♦ Antiparasitic treatment	Yes	No			
♦ Hospitalization in the last year	Yes	No			
1. Assistance for standing up	Yes	No			
2. Decreased appetite	Yes	No			
3. Assistance for eating	Yes	No			
4. Incontinence	Yes	No			
5. Assistance for climbing stairs	Yes	No			
6. Decreased activity last year	Yes	No			
7. Reduced cognitive ability	Yes	No			
8. Reduced vitality last year	Yes	No			
9. Weakness during exercise	Yes	No			
10. Congenital defects	Yes	No			
11. Weight loss (no diet or exercise		No			
12. Hair opacity	Yes	No			
13. Chronic Therapies	Yes	No			
14. Epilepsy	Yes	No			
15. Episodes of disorientation	Yes	No			
16. Chronic infective disease	Yes	No			
17. Endocrine disease	Yes	No			
18. Chronic inflammation	Yes	No			
19. Acute vascular problems	Yes	No			
20. Cancer	Yes	No			
21. Diabetes	Yes	No			
22. Osteoarthrosis	No	Mild	Severe		
23. Hearing impairment	No	Mild	Severe		
24. Cardiopathy	No	Mild	Severe		
25. Chronic respiratory disease	No	Mild	Severe		
26. Hepatopathy	No	Mild	Severe		
27. Neurological deficits	No	Mild	Severe		
28. Diseases of the oral cavity	No	Mild	Severe		
29. Visual impairment	No	Mild	Severe		
30. Chronic digestive disease	No	Mild	Severe		
31. Disease of the Hematopoietic	No	Mild	Severe		
system	110				
32. Dermatological diseases	No	Mild	Severe		
33 Chronic kidney disease	No	Mild	Severe		

Only items numbered from 1 to 33 are used for the calculation of the Frailty Index. A score of 0 (No) or 1 (Yes) is assigned to items 1-21. A score of 0 (No), 0.5 (Mild), or 1 (Severe) is assigned to items 22-33. The Frailty Index was calculated in this way: \sum score / 33.